

Chapter 7.04

DEFINITIONS

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7.04.010 Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of Title 7 of the Lincoln Municipal Code unless otherwise provided. (Ord. 17738 §1; October 2, 2000).

7.04.020 Ambulance.

Ambulance shall mean any privately or publicly owned motor vehicle that is especially designed, constructed, or modified, and equipped and is intended to be used and is maintained or operated for the overland transportation of patients, in a reclined position, upon the streets, roads, highways, or public ways of this City, but shall not include or mean any motor vehicle owned or operated under the direct control of any agency of the United States government. (Ord. 17738 §2; October 2, 2000).

7.04.030 Ambulance Service.

Ambulance service shall mean the provision of transport via ambulance, the provision of out-of-hospital emergency medical care to a patient from or in an ambulance, the trip to the site of a patient for the purpose of providing transport or out-of-hospital emergency medical care, the trip to or from any point in response to a medical emergency dispatch from the 911 Center. The term ambulance service shall encompass emergency ambulance service and routine ambulance service. (Ord. 17738 §3; October 2, 2000).

7.04.040 Area of City Service.

Area of City service shall consist of the corporate limits of the city, as the same may expand, and all unincorporated areas of the county and surrounding incorporated cities and villages or rural fire districts with whom the city may have an inter-local agreement for the provision of emergency ambulance service. (Ord. 17738 §4; October 2, 2000).

7.04.050 Emergency Ambulance Service.

Emergency ambulance service shall mean responding to calls for ambulance service pursuant to an emergency call, and shall include the provision of stand-by ambulance service. (Ord. 17738 §5; October 2, 2000).

7.04.060 Emergency Call.

(a) Emergency call shall mean a request for ambulance service by or for a patient whose apparent condition, at the time of the call, presumptively meets the criteria for classification under the prioritization of calls system of protocols used by the National Academy of Emergency Medical Dispatch (NAEMD) and which is approved and employed by the City, as a Bravo, Charlie, Delta, or Echo, or which presumptively meets the criteria for classification under the medical care protocols as requiring response by a quick response team (QRT), or which presumptively meets the criteria for classification under the medical care protocols as requiring response by an ambulance with lights and/or sirens, and except as provided for below, shall include any call for ambulance service received by the 911 Center, wherein the patient's point of origin is within the corporate limits of the City.

(b) The following calls for ambulance service are not emergency calls even if received by the 911 Center:

(i) Calls that presumptively meet the criteria for classification under the prioritization of calls system of protocols used by (NAEMD), and which is approved and employed by the City, as Omega (provided medical care protocol does not require lights and/or siren response by the ambulance and does not require QRT response);

(ii) Calls in which the caller indicates arrival of the ambulance is not expected or desired for greater than two hours from the time of the call (provided such call does not fit any category listed in the definition of emergency call found in (a) above). (Ord. 17738 §6; October 2, 2000).

7.04.070 Emergency Medical Services.

Emergency medical services shall include all out-of-hospital emergency medical care, emergency ambulance service and routine ambulance service. (Ord. 17738 §7; October 2, 2000).

7.04.080 Emergency Medical Services Oversight Authority or EMSOA.

Emergency Medical Services Oversight Authority or EMSOA shall mean the organization, agency, or committee as established or as designated by the City, by ordinance, contract, or otherwise, for the purpose of providing medical control, and the development of medical care protocols designed to govern ambulance service providers in the City. (Ord. 17738 §8; October 2, 2000).

7.04.090 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) shall mean an individual who holds a valid State of Nebraska EMT license and who has been approved by the Medical Director to function in the system, and who has maintained the requirements for skills maintenance as outlined by the Medical Director. (Ord. 17738 §9; October 2, 2000).

7.04.100 Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate (EMT-I).

Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate (EMT-I) shall mean an individual who holds a valid State of Nebraska EMT-I license and who has been approved by the Medical Director to function in the system, and who has maintained the requirements for skills maintenance as outlined by the Medical Director. (Ord. 17738 §10; October 2, 2000).

7.04.110 Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic (EMT-P).

Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic (EMT-P) shall mean an individual who holds a valid State of Nebraska EMT-P license and who has been approved by the Medical Director to function in the system, and who has maintained the requirements for skills maintenance as outlined by the Medical Director. (Ord. 17738 §11; October 2, 2000).

7.04.120 License.

Unless otherwise specifically stated, license shall mean a license to provide routine ambulance service issued pursuant to this title. (Ord. 17738 §12; October 2, 2000).

7.04.130 Medical Care Protocols.

Medical care protocols shall mean established written medical procedures that have been promulgated by the Medical Director for the provision of out-of-hospital emergency medical care and shall include such dispatch-related protocols as are medical in nature and as the Medical Director may be authorized by contract or otherwise to promulgate. Medical care protocols shall not include the setting of a maximum response time for any ambulance service provider. (Ord. 17738 §13; October 2, 2000).

7.04.140 Medical Director.

Medical Director shall mean the physician contracted for or otherwise engaged by EMSOA for the purpose of providing medical direction and control for out-of-hospital emergency medical care personnel providing ambulance service. (Ord. 17738 §14; October 2, 2000).

7.04.150 911 Center.

911 Center shall mean the emergency communications center operated by the City of Lincoln. (Ord. 17738 §15; October 2, 2000).

7.04.160 Operator.

Operator shall mean any person to whom a license for the operation of a routine ambulance service has been issued. (Ord. 17738 §16; October 2, 2000).

7.04.170 Patient.

Patient shall mean an individual who either identifies himself or herself as being in need of medical attention or upon assessment by an out-of-hospital emergency care provider has an injury or illness requiring treatment. (Ord. 17738 §17; October 2, 2000).

7.04.180 Person.

Person shall mean an individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, joint stock company or association, political subdivision, governmental agency, or other legal entity and shall include any trustee, receiver, assignee, or other legal representative thereof, but shall not include the City of Lincoln or any agency of the United States government. (Ord. 17738 §18; October 2, 2000).

7.04.190 Routine Ambulance Service.

Routine ambulance service shall mean the provision of that ambulance service which is not emergency ambulance service. Routine ambulance service will typically involve the non-emergency transportation of patients in which the point of pick up or destination (or both) is a medical facility, hospital, nursing home, skilled nursing facility, medical practitioner's office, or out-patient diagnostic or treatment center, and includes calls received by the 911 Center that are referred to an operator for dispatch based upon the 911 Center's assessment that the call is not an emergency call at the time it is received by the 911 Center. (Ord. 17738 §19; October 2, 2000).

7.04.200 Stand-by Ambulance Service.

Stand-by ambulance service shall mean the positioning of an ambulance and crew at the location of a publicly or privately sponsored event for the purpose of providing out-of-hospital emergency medical services as may become necessary at such event, and shall include the positioning of ambulance and crew in conjunction with law enforcement or firefighting activities. (Ord. 17738 §20; October 2, 2000).

7.04.210 Trip Record.

Trip record shall mean a record of each person transported and shall include at least the following information: the patient's name, age or date of birth, sex, address, time ambulance was first requested, time ambulance arrived at the scene or address, time ambulance reached its destination, to what destination the patient was transported, the condition of the patient upon arrival at the scene and upon arrival at the destination, whether or not medical treatment was administered, and the names of the ambulance personnel that were dispatched. (Ord. 17738 §21; October 2, 2000).